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The following amends the verbal boundary description for the Charleston Historic District and replaces item number 35 on the continuation sheet Item #10, page 16:

(35) Thence east along the center line of Calhoun Street to the prolongation of the western property line of the Francis Marion Hotel; thence north along the western property line approximately 160 feet; thence east along a straight line to the center line of King Street; thence as before.

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The Francis Marion Hotel, located on the corner of King and Calhoun Streets, immediately adjacent to the Old and Historic Charleston National Register district, is significant as one of Charleston's earliest and finest skyscrapers. Constructed in 1924, the hotel is a thirteen-story steel-frame building with Beaux-Arts influenced ornamentation in brick, limestone, and terra-cotta.

The Francis Marion was designed by W.L. Stoddart, a specialist in hotel design. When it was completed, the hotel was one of the largest in the Carolinas and its construction illustrates Charleston's growth and development particularly as a tourist center.

The Old and Historic Charleston National Register district nomination recognizes the importance of Charleston's twentieth century commercial architecture. Professional error led to the exclusion of the Francis Marion from the district when the district extension was prepared in 1975.

Because the Francis Marion Hotel is immediately adjacent to the Old and Historic Charleston National Register district boundaries, the UTM coordinates for the district will not change. A map showing the new boundaries of the district is attached as is a continuation sheet amending the verbal boundary description.

Signature of State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

